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### Northampton Agricultural Commission Agenda and Minutes

**7:30 PM Tuesday September 27, 2016**  
**210 Main Street, Room 10 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor, City Hall)**  
**Northampton, MA**

Members present:

Chair John Omasta	✓	Chip Parsons	✓	Stan Zawalick	✓
Vice Chair Rich Jaescke	✓	Tim Smith	✓		
John Bobala	✓	Robert Vollinger	✓	Wayne Feiden (staff)	✓

1. Public comment
2. Welcome back after six month growing season break
3. Approval of Agriculture Commission minutes of March 9, 2016.
4. Potential for being a certified “Bee City USA” (Peggy MacLeod if available)
5. Update on change to Agriculture Commission status from the Municipal Modernization Act
  - A. Membership
  - B. Policy and function
  - C. Agriculture lands
6. Updates (if any action in any of these areas)
  - A. Agriculture Commission staffing
  - B. Land management and APR monitoring
  - C. Jail “work farm” and other farmland preservation
  - D. Policy and regulatory review issues
  - E. Attracting incubator farmers
  - F. Conservation Commission meeting on farmland licenses
7. Support for Agriculture Commissions joint meeting (this year in Deerfield?)
8. Set next meeting date
9. Adjourn